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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on <u>February 14, 2006</u>. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 1-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from May 14, 2006 to June 14, 2006